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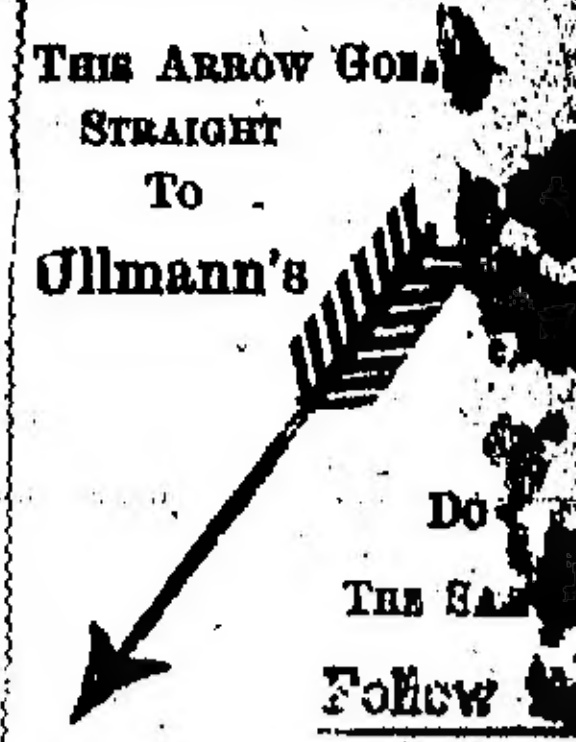
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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

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IRELAND'S ELEVENTH HOUR

DE VALERA'S PROCLAMATION.

"THE POSITION CAN YET BE RETRIEVED."

LONDON, January 4.

Mr. De Valera has issued a proclamation calling on the people to stand fast and declaring that the position can yet be retrieved at the eleventh hour.

DALL EIREANN DEBATE.

LONDON, January 4.

There was a sharp exchange of views in the Dail Eireann to day regarding the alleged premature references to alternative treaty proposals which Mr. De Valera gave notice he would submit after ratification. A division was taken and the terms of it have hitherto been jealously guarded from general publication. Mr. De Valera ultimately announced unexpectedly that he would submit the document to-morrow as an amendment.

STORMY SCENE.

The Dail adjourned after a stormy scene in which Mr. De Valera denied departing one iota from the position of the republic, declaring that the reason why he did not go to London was in order to keep the small republic pure. Mr. De Valera's alternative proposals will be issued in Dublin to-night.

THE COUNTER PROPOSALS.

LATER.

A Dublin message states that the President of the Dail definitely decided that Mr. De Valera cannot move an amendment to the treaty. He can only move an amendment to the resolution now before the Dail approving the treaty.

Mr. De Valera's counter proposals are for a complete alternative treaty with seventeen clauses and various annexes. The clauses are largely identical to the corresponding clauses in the agreement signed in London and the chief differences are the omission of the oath of allegiance, also all reference to Ulster.

The alternative treaty acknowledges the King as head of the association of states, the British Commonwealth, with which Ireland shall co-operate in matters of common concern but omits provision for the appointment of a governor general. An addendum denies the right of any part of Ireland to be excluded from the authority of the Parliament of Ireland and offers North Ireland privilege and safeguards not less substantial than those in the London agreement.

"CROWNING ACT OF INFAMY."

The proclamation urges the people not to allow themselves to be rushed into a decision which future generations would curse them for and says they are being asked to consent to a treaty establishing British authority in Ireland. The delegates were by threat of war dragged beyond the utmost limit to which they could go and the circumstances would ever be remembered by Irishmen as the crowning act of infamy against Ireland. The policy the people stand by will always be practical politics.

ERADICATING BRITISH AUTHORITY.

Mr. De Valera proceeds to imply that his alternative would absolutely remove the authority of the British King Cabinet and Parliament from Ireland. He concludes: "Do not allow yourselves to be tempted from the straight and honourable path. If you quail at the consequences what will they not ask you to surrender next to this ignoble fear?"

NAVAL TREATY'S SCOPE.

DRAFTING NEARING COMPLETION.

WARS WITH NON-SIGNATORY POWERS.

WASHINGTON, January 4.

The drafting of the naval treaty is nearing completion. Besides provisions for dealing with the limitation of tonnage and guns of capital ships and the replacement of capital ships, aircraft carriers, light cruisers and other matters already known, the treaty will also deal with the use of torpedo tubes in aircraft, rules regulating the building in private shipyards of vessels for other foreign powers, regulations affecting the conduct of the signatory powers in future wars, especially wars with non-signatory powers whose methods of warfare would not be limited by the provisions of the treaty, renewal of guns on capital ships, rearmament of old vessels, regulations governing fortifications in the Pacific zone, and provision for summoning periodical conferences to deal with necessary modifications of the treaty.

BIG FIRE AT HARTLEPOOL.

NINE ACRES ABLAZE.

SHIPPING YARD THREATENED.

LONDON, January 4.

A great fire is raging to night at Hartlepool. It started in a big timber store and a gale fanned the flames which soon covered nine acres. A number of dwelling houses have been consumed and a number of sailing yards are threatened.

THE DOLLAR.

To-day's closing rate 2/7 3/8.

To-day's opening rate 2/7 3/8.

STINNES OCTUPLES ACTIVE.

TENTACLES REACH SHANGHAI.

EXPLOITING CHINESE MARKET.

LONDON, January 4.

A Berlin telegram says that the Siemens electrical concern, which is part of Herr Stinnes' electro-mining trust, has concluded an agreement with a Chinese concern for the foundation of works at Shanghai and a new company which will push the sale in China of the production of Stinnes companies.

ALLEGED SIBERIAN REVELATIONS.

NEWSPAPER REJECTS DOCUMENTS.

PARIS, January 4.

Some of the documents published at Washington with regard to the alleged French and Japanese secret agreement for a common policy in Siberia were offered to the editor of the Paris edition of an American newspaper in July last but he doubted their authenticity and submitted them to the Quai d'Orsay which was able to convince him of their falsity. Accordingly he declined to publish them. Other attempts to secure publication also failed.

DUTCH STEAMERS SOLD.

LONDON, January 4.

An American shipping firm has purchased the Dutch steamers "Brabantia" and "Limburgia."

ITALIAN BANK'S FAILURE.

MANAGEMENT BOARD APPOINTED.

ROME, January 4.

The court has appointed four commissioners to assume the duties of a board of management of the Banco Italiano Disconto which suspended payment last month. It has also ordered possession to be taken of property of members of the board.

CHINA'S TARIFF.

WASHINGTON DECISION.

WASHINGTON, January 4.

The Chinese tariff sub-committee has agreed upon a five per cent. "effective basis" designed to give a clear increase of 1 1/2 per cent. to China.

BERTHELOT'S POST ABOLISHED.

PARIS, January 4.

It is officially announced that the post of secretary-general to the Foreign Ministry formerly held by M. Berthelot has been abolished.

AUSTRALIAN INTERSTATE CRICKET.

GUNSUCKERS DEFEAT CROW EATERS.

MELBOURNE, January 4.

Victoria defeated South Australia by six wickets. Victoria made 474. Ryder scored 242 and Ramsford 87. South Australia in the first innings made 219 and followed on with 351. A. Smith contributed 122. Victoria in the second innings made 94 for the loss of four wickets.

INDIAN AGITOR JAILED.

ALLAHABAD, January 4.

The four persons arrested on charges of making violent speeches have each been sentenced to eighteen months' rigorous imprisonment.

INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE.

COURT ASSEMBLES SHORTLY.

WASHINGTON, January 4.

Mr. Karnoebek, Holland's plenipotentiary at the Conference, has sailed for home to attend to important duties in connection with the international court of justice shortly assembling at the Hague.

PROHIBITION ENFORCEMENT.

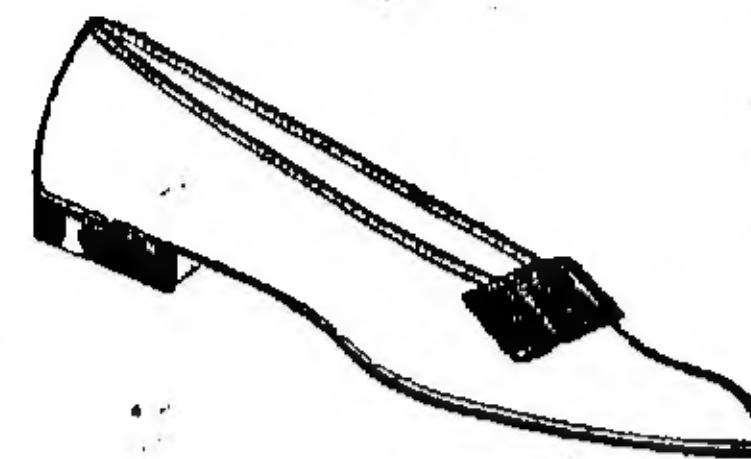
STATE OFFICIALS ALLEGED FRAUD.

NEW YORK, January 4.

The former Federal Director of Prohibition in New York State and several local politicians have been indicted for fraud in connection with the enforcement of prohibition.

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**BOY CONFESSES TO TWO
MURDERS.****JUDGE WARNS PUBLIC.**

The end of a case in which enormous public interest has been taken was reached when Harold Jones, aged 15, of Aberlilly, confessed to the murder of two schoolgirls, Freda Burnell and Florence Little.

This confession, made in writing by Jones, was produced at his trial at Monmouthshire Assizes, when he was indicted for the murder of Florence Little.

Mr. Justice Roche ordered him to be detained during his Majesty's pleasure.

It will be recalled that earlier in the year Jones was tried and found not guilty of the murder of Freda Burnell, and his acquittal gave rise to local demonstrations. Some months later Florence Little was found dead in the garret of the house in which Jones lived. A second charge of murder was preferred against the boy, who had stoutly maintained his innocence.

When the accused appeared for trial a plea of "guilty" was entered.

His lordship pointed out to the boy's counsel, Mr. St. John Mickelthwaite, that it was unusual on a capital charge to allow a plea of guilty to be entered.

Mr. Mickelthwaite, in reply, asked his lordship to accept the plea. The boy, he said, was 15 years and nine months old, and therefore at the present moment all his lordship could do under the Children's Act was to order Jones's detention during his Majesty's pleasure. On the other hand, if for any reason the trial should go over January 11, other consequences might ensue.

Jones, said counsel, fully appreciated the plea he was making. The position had never arisen before in which sentence of death might be passed at some future time.

Mr. Vachell (for the Crown) briefly related the circumstances, of the crime; of the girl's disappearance, the search by her mother, Harold Jones's denials; of the search party which tried to find the girl (in which Jones took part); and then of the discovery of the body in the loft at the lad's house.

Mr. Justice Roche, in the circumstances, directed a plea of guilty to be entered.

Mr. Mickelthwaite said the confessions which were about to be read were made by Jones to the prison chaplain, and in reply to questions put to him.

Mr. Vachell then read the following statement, which, he said, was written in pencil in Jones's handwriting:—

I, Harold Jones, do confess that I wilfully and deliberately murdered Freda Burnell on July 8, causing her to die without preparation to meet her God, the reason for so doing being a desire to kill.

Fiona was about leaving the house when I got hold of her, and seized her throat, and cut her throat with a knife in the back kitchen. I carried the body upstairs, I brought a little table out of my room, and got on to

the arms, and tried to push it up through the manhole into the garret. I replaced the body on the table, and went downstairs to get a rope from outside in the back-yard. I tied the rope around the body. I got on to the table, and dragged myself through the manhole with the end of the rope in my hands.

Finding the rope was not long enough to enable me to get right up through the manhole, I dropped back on to the table and tied my handkerchief on to the rope. I then clambered back through the manhole and dragged the body up into the loft. After getting on to the table I replaced the cover on the manhole.

As I was having a bath Mrs. Little came to the door. I denied that Florrie was in the house. I then went back and finished my bath.

His lordship then passed the sentence, and the boy, who had listened quite calmly, turned quickly and went below.

Mr. Vachell, referring to the confession of the murder of Freda Burnell, said the boy's acquittal of that crime had caused a great deal of public unrest. Everyone believed he was innocent, and parents generally were much disturbed as to what might happen to their children, because, if Harold Jones was not guilty, it was evident that the culprit was still at large.

Counsel then read the following statement:—

I, Harold Jones, wilfully and deliberately murdered Freda Burnell in Mr. Mortimer's warehouse on February 5.

"There is to my mind no evidence," said the judge, no ground or suggestion for saying he is other wise than sane. Let him go away from here as quietly as possible.

"I make this observation, because I understand on a former occasion public opinion in the lad's favour was loudly vented, and the lad became a sort of hero. Let not the contrary take place, whatever people's feelings."

"Among the motives which contributed to the second crime was overweening vanity, and a desire to be in the public eye, which could not but have been led by the unseemly and unnatural demonstrations which I understand took place on that former occasion."

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SHIPPING.**N.Y.K. TRADE.****VARIOUS LINES REVIEWED.**

The *Mainichi* reviews the recent working of the N.Y.K. shipping line. The advance in silver quotations in Shanghai, it says, has depressed exports from Shanghai, Hongkong and Singapore to Europe, this depression reaching its climax in July and August, and the general situation is depressed though shipments of silks and straw-brades from Japan are somewhat reassuring. The homeward run has only iron from London and chemicals from West Europe to carry, the state of affairs in the Continent being depressed on the whole. The Seattle line enjoys some shipments of rice and rattan ware from Hongkong, rice from Manila, and tea and raw silk from Shanghai, but Japan has little to export. Unlike the gun-favourable outward run, the homeward run is in a very good condition, every steamer being fully loaded with iron, wheat, and sundries. The incursion of ships from outside the Conference has brought down freight rates, however, timber declining to \$13 per ton, and iron ware to \$8. On the outward Australian line affairs are in a bad way, and ships manage to fill their holds with shipments only to between-ports (mostly British ports, it may be noted), though Japan exports small quantities of silk and drygoods there being some shipments for Christmas needs in October. On the other hand, there has been a satisfactory development of the homeward run since July, wool, miscellaneous goods, animal fat, and wheat being obtained in good volume. Present conditions are expected to be maintained for a month or two to come. The New York line is enjoying good exports of straw-brades especially from North China in addition to rice from the same country, this phenomenon being observable also in Shanghai and Kobe. Few drygoods are going to South America from Japan. At one time rice was exported from Hongkong to South Africa but is no longer active. From the Argentine to Japan, shipments have decreased of late, but coffee is being exported from Rio de Janeiro to South Africa and wool from South Africa to Japan in proper amount, it being now the season for movement of these goods. Up to the middle of October, there were some exports for the Calcutta line through favourable exchange connections, but the latter disadvantageous course of exchange has made things difficult. Moreover, as the O.S.K. is challenging competition, freight rates have fallen off greatly. The homeward voyage, however, is generally flourishing. For the export of beans from Bangkok, many inquiries have come to Japan. Raw cotton has been shipped in good quantity since December, but receipts are limited owing to the decline in freight. There is some depression in Japanese exports to Bombay. With regard to the import of raw cotton, the renewal of the agreement between the shipping companies and the Spinning Association brought expectations of a decline in freight and stopped shipments at one time, but since the renewal was completed large quantities have appeared, so that liners on the homeward voyage are filled up to their utmost capacity. (*Japan Chronicle*)

AUSTRALIAN RUN.

The Toyo Kisen Kaisha is now attracting the attention of general shipping interests, having already started preparations for making inroads upon the Australian line with some high-class ships to the dismay of the shipping companies participating in the Conference. Though the Australian trade has shared the general shipping depression, says the *Asahi*, it suffers comparatively little from competition and enjoys occasionally special ship-

ments like wool, so that it has not become very depressed. This fact has inspired some shipowners with a notion that it is advisable to transfer superfluous bottoms to this line. In pursuance of the project already set afoot to open a Japan-America-Australian line, the Yamashita Kisen has started a Japanese-Australian run and is doing good business in competition with the N.Y.K., O.S.K., Taiyo Kisen Kaisha, Eastern & Australian Steamship Co., etc., who are acting in concert. Moreover the recent withdrawal by the Australian Government of the control of exports of wheat has rapidly increased shipments of wheat in addition to the favourable movement of wool. Accordingly, all liners have very good cargoes to carry on the homeward run, though they have little on the outward run. Of course, there are doubts as to whether the present prosperity will last, but it will be safe to consider that it will continue unchanged for the present. The object of the T.K.K. in invading the Australian line, in the judgment of the *Asahi* is rather to try and live up its bad business than because of any very promising prospects of homeward shipments obtainable. As the Yamashita Kisen Kaisha is already cutting down freight rates, the raid of the T.K.K. may cause a series of freight wars.

CALCUTTA FREIGHT WAR.

The severe competition between the N.Y.K. and the O.S.K. on the Calcutta line has upset the Bombay Conference. The full determination of both sides to fight out the issue can be understood in the light of the fact that the N.Y.K. has lowered the freight rate on Indian cotton from Calcutta to the extraordinarily low figure of Y3 and the O.S.K. has promptly followed suit. The present competition was started in November, and so far no serious effects were felt on this term's business of either of the companies. But if the rivalry lasts long, both sides will certainly find their future profits lessened. The public, of course, gets the benefit of this competition. Many years ago, when it was decided that the N.Y.K. must capture a share in the Bombay cotton trade, freights came down to one rupee a ton—a fact which caused a good deal of ill-feeling at the time, as this competition was carried on with the aid of a subsidy on one side and none on the other. It is impossible to tell how far the present rate-cutting is really due to competition between companies both under Japanese Government patronage. It may only cover a wider policy, says the *Japan Chronicle*.

GENERAL NOTES.

The new dredger "Sir William Matthews" is making satisfactory progress with the dredging of the Colombo Harbour to berth H.M.S. "Renown" next March.

Notice is given that the Surveying beacon on Plover Point, Yangtze River, has been moved 1.6 cables S. 21½° E, magnetic, from its former position.

The members of the Imperial Merchant Service Guild, representing the Masters and Officers of the Merchant Service, have, by a substantial majority, decided against conversion of their Organisation into a Trade Union.

The City Editor of *The Times* states that the British India Steam Navigation Co., is building nineteen vessels and bringing the fleet up to a total of 171 ships amounting to a gross tonnage of 922,000 as compared with 74,000 and 141,000 a generation ago.

A cablegram received in Shanghai brings the information that the U.S. Shipping Board is to sell about 20 of its first class vessels. Permission has also been granted for them to be operated under other flags than the American flag provided they are purchased by foreigners.

ALLEGED \$2,000 FRAUD.**NEW CHARGE AGAINST
POLICE CLERK.**

Fatch Mohamed, the Police Accountant's Office employee, was again before Magistrate Lindsell this morning charged with having obtained four rings from Messrs Ah Men, Hing Cheung and Coy., representing that they were wanted by the Police Department for use in the new motor ambulance.

Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg, assistant Crown Solicitor, added a further charge of having obtained the sum of \$2,000 by false pretences, or, in the alternative, obtaining the said sum by means of forged "instruments."

Mr. Leo Longinotto, for the defence, applied for a remand and bail. The Magistrate said that bail could not be allowed as the defendant was charged with forgery.

Mr. Hazlerigg said that under the forgery ordinance, the defendant was liable to 14 years' hard labour if the charge were proved against him.

A remand in custody for a week was given.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.**ARRIVALS.**

Hydrangea, (Chiu On S.S. Co.) from Swatow.—Wharf.
Haiching, (D.L. & Co.) from Swatow.—Wharf.
Derwent, (Thai. Thuan.) from Saigon.—A.29.
Lycaon, (B. & S.) from Dainy, Shanghai.—A.5.
Sunning, (B. & S.) from Tsingtao, Shanghai.—B.12.
Chusan, (B. & S.) from Bangkok, Swatow.—B.13.
Shunstein, (B. & S.), from Shanghai.—B.9.
Kinyuan, (B. & S.), from Cardiff, Singapore.—A.8.
Chenan, (B. & S.), from Shanghai.—B.12.
Kwongsang, (J. M. & Co.), from Shanghai, Swatow.—Wharf.
Glymont, (Admiral Liu), from Singapore.—Stonecutters.
Georgie, (R. V. Fleet), from Manila, Canton.—C.46.
Laen Samud, (Kwong Ngun Seng), from Bangkok, Swatow.—22.
Dinfar, (Thorsen & Co.), from Saigon.—C.44.
Tilastap, (J.C.J.L.) from Sourabaya, Marassan.—A.10.
Lushan Maru, (N. Y. K.) from Canton.—Stonecutters.
Kaijo Maru, (O.S.K.) from Keelung, Swatow.—Wharf.
Ham Lee, (Shun Tai Hong.) from Dairen, Chefoo.—Stonecutters.
Shun Shing, (Po On Co.) from K.C. Wan, Macao.—Wharf.
Hwah Wu, (Dodwell & Co.) from Chinwantao.—B.60.
Amthorst, (On Fat Co.) from Haiphong, Hoibow.—C.40.

CLEARANCES.

Anshin Maru, (Kimma & Co.) for Keelung.—Jan. 5.
Yangteekiang, (Yuen Cheonglee) for Swatow.—Jan. 5.
Jade, (Kai Yu) for Pakhoi, Haiphong.—Jan. 5.
Hozui Maru, (Y. K. K.) for Haiphong.—Jan. 5.
Empress of Asia, (C. P. S. Ltd.) for Shanghai, Vancouver.—Jan. 5.
Lushan Maru, (N.Y.K.) for Swatow, Shanghai.—Jan. 5.
Bintang, (J. C. J. L.) for Manila, San Francisco.—Jan. 5.
Hwah Kun, (Nam Yuen.) for Saigon.—Jan. 6.
Lai Sang, (J. M. & Co.) for Singapore, Calcutta.—Jan. 5.
Chenan, (B. & S.) for Canton.—Jan. 5.
Shunstein, (B. & S.) for Canton.—Jan. 5.
Telemachus, (Wo Fat Sing.) for Saigon.—Jan. 5.
Koon Shing, (J. M. & Co.) for Canton.—Jan. 5.
Devawongse, (Yuen Seng Fat.) for Saigon.—Jan. 6.
Lycaon, (B. & S.) for Singapore, London.—Jan. 6.

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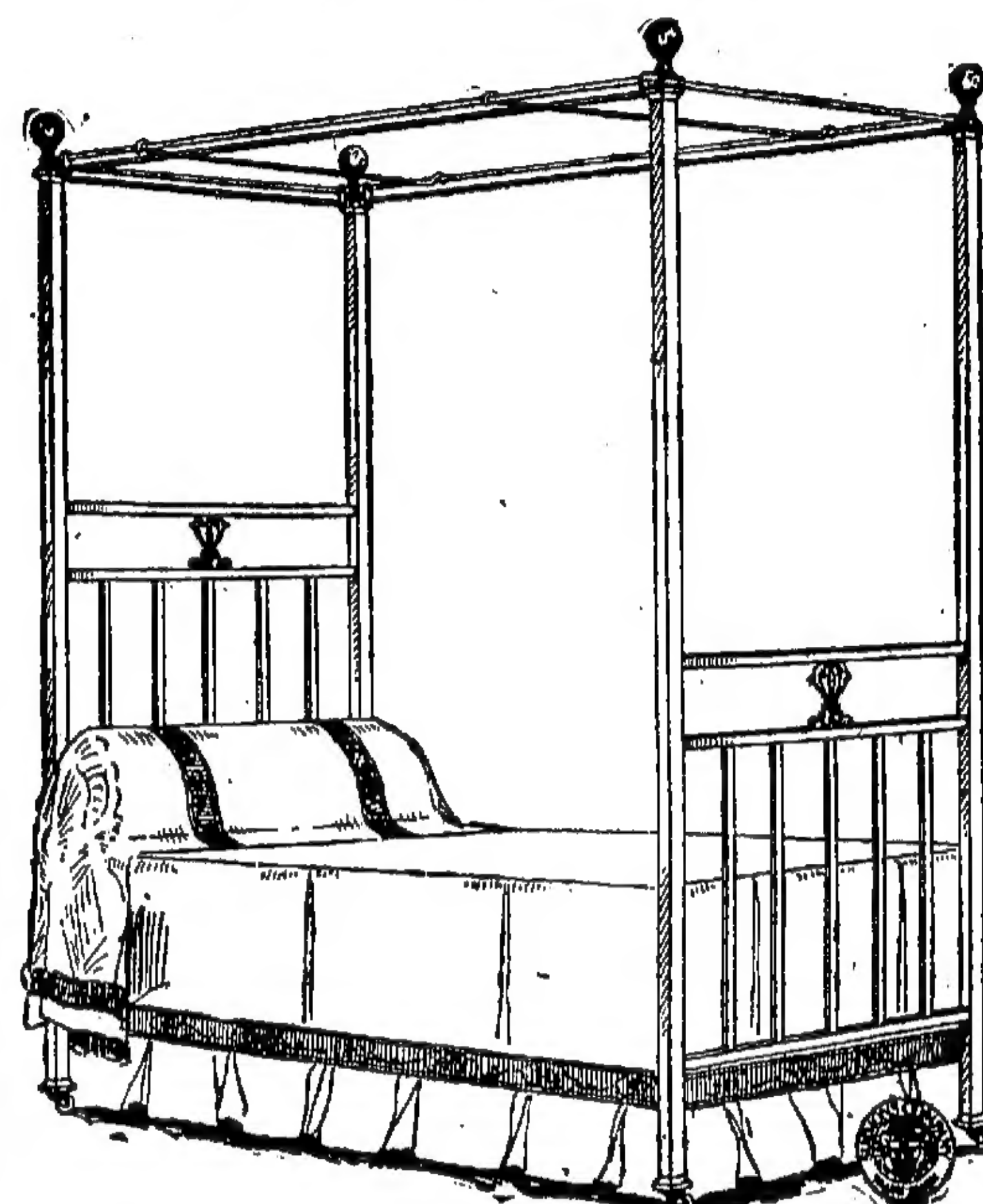
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